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1. SOVIET VISA APPLICANTS PLANNING DEPART FOR US ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, MUST RECEIVE VISAS BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 TO MEET ETD'S AS SOVIET MFA WILL BE CLOSED FOR SOVIET CONSTITUTION DAY HOLIDAYS DECEMBER 5-7, AND EMBASSY CONSULAR STAFF WILL ALSO BE AT LESS THAN FULL COMPLEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AUTHORIZATION FOR ALL DECEMBER 6 AND 8 ETD'S BY DECEMBER 4.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY QUERIED RE VISAS FOR LOPATKIN GROUP (SEE REFTELS A AND B), TO DEPART ASAP. ALSO WITH REGARD TO KROKHAGROUP OF MINISTRY OF DAIRY INDUSTRY (REFTEL C). LATTER GROUP ADVISES THAT SPACE MAY BE UNAVAILABLE ABOARD DECEMBER 8 MOSCOW-NY FLIGHT AND THAT GROUPS ETD MAY BE MOVED UP TO DECEMBER 6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO REFTELS RE ABOVE GROUPS ALSO BY DECEMBER 4.
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